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LOK SABHA

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SECTOR SPECIFIC REGULATOR IN THE ENERGY SECTOR
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up sector-specific regulators along with a common appellate tribunal to check anti-competitive behaviour in the Energy Sector as reported in the Times of India, dated 21 September, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTAR AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a): Regulatory bodies have already been constituted in the Electricity Sector and in the Petroleum & Natural Gas Sector. The Government is in the process of constituting a regulatory authority for Coal Sector along with a common appellate tribunal.

(b)&(c): The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) and Appellate Tribunal for Electricity had been set up by the Government of India under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has been constituted under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act, 2006 in March 2006. The Appellate Tribunal established under the Electricity Act, 2003 is also the Appellate Tribunal for PNGRB. One Technical Members (Petroleum and Natural Gas) has been appointed in the Appellate Tribunal in addition to the three other members appointed under section 110 of the Electricity Act, 2003.